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Dear Ms. Simpson:

Regarding possible excessive contributions:

We believe excessive contributions are a serious concern and must not be tolerated. That is why our procedures are both thorough and clear regarding this matter. At the time checks are received in our office, individual records are reviewed for possible excesses. At that time, the check is either returned or we request that a redesignation form be filled out as quickly as possible. At the end of each month we review our records again to ensure no checks were mistakenly or improperly deposited. At this time, any contributions accepted in error are either handled in the same way (redesignation forms are requested) or they are refunded.

In the case of Mr. Tarantino and his wife, Leona, this procedure was followed, however the resulting changes were not inputted into the computer which resulted in a reporting error. I have attached the forms required and hope you will let me know if any further action is required on our part.

In the case of Roger Vasey, I have attached copies of his checks showing his contributions in June of 1999 for \$1,000 and May of 2000 for \$1,000 which was specified for the general election cycle. Please clarify if further information is needed or if I have misunderstood your concerns regarding these contributions.

Regarding signatures:

It is our understanding that electronically filed reports are not required to file additional reports with handwritten signatures of the treasurer attached. This was confirmed by the Federal Elections Commission via a phone call to the information division.

Please advise if we need to take any further action to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,


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